Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: Sir, we had to observe the action due to floods. The question was whether the waterway was sufficient for the flow of the water. We had to observe it for subsequent years and it took naturally some time.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli, and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertalla*): Sir, may I know whether the department is waiting for the arrival of some iron materials for these two bridges?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: Yes.

Poramboke cases in Muvattupuzha, Kunnatnad, Devicolam and Parur.

56. ***Mr. E. K. Kuripe** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Poramboke cases taken up in 1113 and 1114 in each of the taluks of Muvattupuzha, Kunnatnad, Devicolam and Parur, the number of cases in which punishments were inflicted and the amounts realised in each taluk by way of fine?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): *A statement furnishing the required information is laid on the table.

Silts in the Periyar river.

57. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur, Kunntanad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Periyar river is being silted up year after year;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government will be pleased to state the reasons for the same and what action was taken by the Government to prevent the silting up and when;

(*c*) how long is it since the silting up is going on in the Periyar river;

(*d*) has any part of the river become unfit for navigation even for ordinary valloms during the summer season; if so, what is the period during which such navigation is not possible;

(*e*) what is the distance of that portion of the river which is not fit for navigation during the summer season; and

(*f*) the average number of valloms that daily pass and repass through that river between Alwaye and Perumbavur?

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Appendix I.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 56**

Statement showing the number of poramboke cases taken up in the years 1113 and 1114 in each of the taluks of Muvattupuzha, Kunnatnad, Devicolam and Parur and other particulars.

Taluk.	No. of poramboke cases taken in the years		No. of cases in which punishments were inflicted		Amount realised by way of fine					
	1113	1114	1113	1114	1113			1114		
					Rs.	ch.	c.	Rs.	ch.	c.
Muvattupuzha ...	464	753	377	478	547	1	0	998	14	0
Kunnathunad ...	292	339	253	256	185	2	0	89	18	0
Devicolam ...	188	269	139	117	474	20	0	1,048	8	0
Parur ...	141	161	105	144	302	4	0	412	0	0